



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes – Casino and Video Gaming Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois August 8, 2019**

The Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting – Casino and Video – on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at approximately 9:00 A.M. in the Conference Room of the Gaming Board office on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, Chicago, IL pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez and Member Dionne Hayden. Four members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

The new Board Chairman, Charles Schmadeke, began the meeting by thanking Governor Pritzker for the honor and privilege of the appointment to the Illinois Gaming Board and thanked the Governor’s staff for their assistance in the appointment process. The Chairman also thanked Administrator Marcus Fruchter for his assistance in the orientation process and noted that he looks forward to with working with him, IGB staff and fellow Board members in accomplishing the important mission that the Governor and the General Assembly bestowed upon them. The Chairman noted that the Board is facing many important challenges in the months ahead including the implementation of gaming expansion in the State of Illinois. The Chairman further noted as the Board undertakes these challenges, the goals will be three fold; assisting economic development, promoting Illinois tourism and increasing State and local government revenues. He also stated these goals will only be achieved if the public has confidence and trust in the credibility and integrity of gaming operations in this State and maintaining that confidence and trust will be at the heart of his tenure on this Board.

At approximately 9:04 A.M., Member Dolins moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), (14), and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to specific personnel, the closed session minutes, investigations, and pending litigation. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board moved from the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building to the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the building for a closed session meeting; the minutes of which are separately recorded.

At approximately 10:10 A.M., the Board returned to the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, in Chicago, Illinois to reconvene its Regular Meeting – Casino and Video Gaming – of Thursday August 1, 2019 pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.

The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez and Member Dionne Hayden. Four members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 13, 2019. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

For the benefit of those who were not present earlier, the Chairman reiterated the comments he made at the outset of the open session.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Administrator Fruchter thanked the Chairman for his kind words and noted that he echoes his sentiments regarding the importance of the Board's mission. With regard to a new Chicago casino, Administrator Fruchter noted that the retention of a consultant to complete the City of Chicago feasibility study that was required by the Illinois Gambling Act was procured in accordance with the law and that the study is expected to be delivered to the Illinois Gaming Board on August 12, 2019. He further noted that the study will be delivered to stakeholders and released to the public in compliance with the statute. With respect to gaming expansion rules, the Administrator noted that the Board's agenda includes requests that the Board delegate authority to the Administrator to promulgate emergency rules to implement provisions of the Illinois Gambling Act, Video Gaming Act and the Sports Wagering Act. He noted that these emergency rules are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the swift and efficient implementation of the gaming expansion bill. The Administrator further stated that at today's meeting and at the meetings ahead, he expects that concurrent with the promulgation of emergency rules by the Administrator, staff will be asking the Board to propose for publication with the Secretary of State, permanent rules that will track and be coordinated with the emergency rules that are adopted. Lastly, the Administrator noted that there are now 31, 949 VGTs currently in operation at 6,991 locations in the State of Illinois.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: Anita Bedell, Executive Director Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems; John Alan Bryk, Illinois Coordinator Stop Predatory Gambling and Ivan Fernandez, Executive Director Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association.

## **CASINO**

### **RULEMAKING**

#### **Emergency Rules**

Member Hayden moved that the Board delegate authority to the Administrator to promulgate Emergency Rules to implement provisions of the Illinois Gambling Act, as amended by Public Act 101-0031, effective June 28, 2019. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### **Proposed Permanent Rulemaking – Independent Outside Testing Laboratories**

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the

Secretary of State on First Notice, the proposed Rule to license independent outside testing laboratories under the Illinois Gambling Act. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS**

### Final Consideration, Key Persons:

- **Eric L. Golebiewski** – Key Person – Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel and Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises, LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino – Vice President of Enterprise Security Operations

Member Dolins moved that the Board find **Eric L. Golebiewski** suitable as a Key Person of Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel and Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino/Cruises LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino in his role as Vice President of Enterprise Security Operations for Caesars Entertainment Corporation. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Randall Wayne Kelley** – Key Person – Casino Queen, Inc. – Director of Casino Queen, Inc. and CQ Holding Company, Inc.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board find **Randall Wayne Kelley** suitable as a Key Person of Casino Queen, Inc. in his role as Director of Casino Queen, Inc. and CQ Holding Company, Inc. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Terrence Lloyd Hanger** – Key Person – Casino Queen, Inc. – President and Director of Casino Queen, Inc. and CQ Holding Company, Inc.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board find **Terrence Lloyd Hanger** suitable as a Key Person of Casino Queen, Inc. in his role as President and Director of Casino Queen, Inc. and CQ Holding Company, Inc. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS**

### Initial Level 1 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

- **Corrine L. Slinde-Mally** – Level 1 – Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino/Cruises LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino – Staff Internal Auditor.

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve Corrine L. Slinde-Mally as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her position as Staff Internal Auditor for Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino/Cruises LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **David James Ruefer** – Level 1 – The Rock Island Boatworks, Inc. d/b/a Jumers Casino & Hotel – Controller.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve David James Ruefer as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in his position as Controller for The Rock Island Boatworks, Inc. d/b/a Jumers Casino & Hotel. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Faith Ellen Forkell – Level 1** – Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino – Internal Auditor.

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve Faith Ellen Forkell as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her position as an Internal Auditor for the Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Julie Ann Perhay – Level 1** – Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino – Director of Finance.

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve Julie Ann Perhay as a Level 1 Occupational Licensee in her position as Director of Finance for the Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### Initial Level 2 and Level 3 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve **49 Level 2** and **96 Level 3** occupational licenses and authorize the Administrator to issue a Notice of Denial to:

- **Bob Dale Martin**

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### License Renewals and Non-Renewals:

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in July and August 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS**

Member Ramirez moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Andrea Marie Sadler**, revocation taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served unless she properly files an answer within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Timothy Alan Smith Jr.**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint revoking the Level 3 occupational license of **Joseph Henry Miller**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of

Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Upon completion of the Casino portion of the agenda, the Board took a short recess before beginning the Video Gaming portion of its meeting. Immediately following the return from recess, Chairman Schmadeke informed all those in attendance that he was voting on all the motions that were made during the meeting, but due to inaudibility concerns he confirmed for the record that in each of the votes taken, he had voted “Yea.”

## **VIDEO GAMING**

### **RULEMAKING**

Member Hayden moved that the Board delegate authority to the Administrator to promulgate Emergency Rules to implement the Video Gaming Act as amended by Public Act 101-0031. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice, the proposed rules and amendments to the Video Gaming Rules to implement the Video Gaming Act as amended by Public Act 101-0031. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **VIDEO GAMING MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR & SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS**

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the following Video Gaming Supplier licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to July 2019, and expiring in July 2020.

1. **CountR GMBH**
2. **M3 Technology Solutions, LLC**

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board **renew** the following Video Gaming Manufacturer, Distributor, and/or Supplier licenses for a period of one year, expiring in August 2020:

1. **American Vending Sales, Inc.**
2. **Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.**
3. **Bally Gaming, Inc.**
4. **H. Betti Industries, Inc.**
5. **IGT**
6. **JCM American Corporation**
7. **Konami Gaming, Inc.**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

### Initial Licenses

- **Winner's Choice Gaming, LLC**

Member Dolins moved that the Board issue a Terminal Operator license to Winner's Choice Gaming, LLC for a term of one year, expiring in August 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Action Video Gaming, LLC**

Member Dolins moved that the Board issue a Terminal Operator license to Action Video Gaming, LLC for a term of one year, expiring in August 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### License Renewals

Member Hayden moved that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, retroactive to July 2019, and expiring in July 2020.

1. **FJC Technologies LLC**
2. **G.F.M. Gaming, LLC**
3. **Illinois Gaming and Coin-Op LLC**
4. **Pocket Aces Gaming Inc.**

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board **renew** the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring in August 2020:

1. **A1\_Keshav Krupa LLC**
2. **Donico Gaming, LLC**
3. **Game On Entertainment, LLC**
4. **Veterans VGT, LLC**

Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

### Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

Member Dolins moved that the Board **approve 2** Technician licenses and **73** Terminal Handler licenses, and authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following individuals:

1. **Joseph Amaro, Jr.**
2. **Adam Miller Whitlock**

3. **Anderson Clayborn Brooks**
4. **Brandy Sharise Brooks**
5. **Randall David Adams**
6. **Lyndale Tawon Parker**
7. **Robert Lee Creath, Jr.**
8. **Firandos Lonzo, Jr.**

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Dolins moved that the Board **renew** the **Technician** and **Terminal Handler** licenses that were licensed or renewed in July and August 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS**

#### Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

Member Ramirez moved that the Board **approve 83 Video Gaming Establishment Licenses**, for a period of one year, expiring in July 2020, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before August 31, 2019; and further authorize the Administrator to issue **Notices of Denial** to the following applicants:

1. **Bullheads Steakhouse LLC d/b/a Bullheads Steak House**
2. **C-Store Development Company d/b/a Creve Coeur Shell**
3. **Napoli Cucina L.L.C. d/b/a Canta Napoli**
4. **Priya Tobacco Inc. d/b/a The Tobacco Shop**
5. **Sauced Pub, Inc. d/b/a Sauced Pub**
6. **Shivansh Inc. d/b/a Livingston IGA**
7. **Tacos San Jose, Inc. d/b/a Tacos San Jose**
8. **The Big BM Inc. d/b/a Hoppers**
9. **ZZA Factory Inc. d/b/a ZZA Factory**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that Board waive the 1,000 foot location restriction requirement pursuant to Section 25(h) of the Video Gaming Act and further that the Board grant an establishment license to **J&Z Food Basket Inc. d/b/a J & Z Food Basket**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

#### License Renewals

Member Ramirez moved that the Board **renew** the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veteran Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in July and August 2018 and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## REQUESTS FOR HEARING, REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

### Requests for Hearing

Member Hayden moved that the Board deny the hearing request submitted by **Richard Martin Miller**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that that the Board deny the hearing request submitted by **Ward Eugene Williams**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### Requests to Reapply

Member Ramirez moved that that the Board grant **El Nuevo Vallarta Sports Bar and Grill, Inc. d/b/a El Nuevo Vallarta Sports Bar and Grill's** request to reapply. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board grant **Lou's Tap Inc., Inc. d/b/a Louie's Tap House's** request to reapply. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS

Member Hayden moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Mexican Honorary Commission**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Terrence Maloney**, an agreement which may include granting applicant a hearing. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **The Bullpen Inc. d/b/a The Bullpen Bar & Grill**. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Qwikx One Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Shar's Armanetti Fine Wine & Spirits** regarding the pending revocation. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to rescind disciplinary complaints DC-V-18-174 against **Karco Inc. d/b/a Rollnup #16 Smoke Shop & Liquor** and DC-V-18-175 against **Eureka Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Universal Gaming Group**. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board rescind the denial and grant **Jameson Pub, INC. d/b/a Skooter's Roadhouse** an establishment license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.



Member Ramirez moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Veterans VGT, LLC** regarding disciplinary complaint DC-V-19-04. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Leisure Time Gaming & Amusements, Inc.** for \$7,500.00. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with **Slager's on 47th d/b/a Slager's on 47th** for \$5,000.00 and if appropriate rescind the disciplinary complaint. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommended findings of fact in **Payal Gas & Food, Inc., d/b/a Payal Gas & Food (18-GB-007)**, reject his conclusions of law in the matter, and issue a final order fining the location establishment \$5,000.00. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's recommended findings of fact **In re: Denial of Springfield Pub d/b/a The Dublin Pub (18-GB-037)** except for finding number 18 and issue a final order denying the location establishment Applicant a license. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommended finding of fact in **Porkchop Glenwood LLC d/b/a Porkchop (18-GB-029)** and issue a final Board order denying Applicant a license. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board adopt Administrative Law Judge's recommended findings of fact in **Justin Laumbattus d/b/a Em's Tavern (18-GB-042)** and **Ulises Garcia-Leonardo (19-GB-020)** and issue final Board orders revoking their respective licenses. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

## **SPORTS WAGERING**

### **RULEMAKING**

Member Dolins moved that the Board delegate authority to the Administrator to promulgate Emergency Rules to implement the Sports Wagering Act as enacted by Public Act 101-0031. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

### **ADJOURN**

Member Dolins moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.